

**Policy Implications for the Action Agenda from the Puget Sound Science Update
Scoping Document
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Owners: Science Panel – scoping and substance; David Dicks and PSP policy staff – scoping, project management, and communication planning

Audience: The primary audience is policy/decision makers encompassing the Leadership Council, the Ecosystem Coordination Board, the Governor, legislators, the federal and state caucuses, Action Agenda implementers and stakeholders, and non-governmental organizations. Additional audiences include the Puget Sound science community – to inform their approach to developing science programs and projects to influence or inform the recovery of Puget Sound – and the media.

Product(s):

- A written report of approximately 10 pages
- A short set of key findings/messages to be delivered in presentations and communication tools
- A posting on the PSP webpage highlighting the product
- Press release for media outreach

Purposes:

- distill the fundamental and timely inputs of the Puget Sound Science Update for the Action Agenda, and facilitate their incorporation into the policy dialog guiding implementation, priority setting, distribution of resources, work planning, and adaptation related to the Action Agenda;
- inform the development of the scope of the 2011 assessment of Action Agenda effectiveness;
- show how science is being incorporated into the adaptation of the Action Agenda strategies to ensure their effectiveness;
- provide a model for incorporating future science products into policy-making

Development and Communication Strategy and Timeline:

1. PSP policy staff and Science Panel: prepare the document scope and questions, gather input from additional affected and interested parties: **May-June**
2. PSP policy staff: organize agenda time at ECB and LC meetings for discussion involving Science Panel members regarding the document scope and questions: **July**
3. PSP policy staff and Science Panel: finalize the scope and questions: **Beginning of August**
4. Science Panel: develop draft addressing the questions; preview a full draft and make improvements for clarity and focus: **August-September**
5. Hold a workshop inviting members of LC, ECB, Science Panel, and PSP policy staff to review a complete draft and potential key messages: **Fall 2010**
6. Science Panel and PSP policy staff: produce final draft of implications document and additional supporting products: **Late Fall 2010**